

H. Res. 1430

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

September 26, 2008.

Whereas there are approximately 73 million children in the United States;

Whereas nine million children are without health insurance and do not receive timely or comprehensive medical attention;

Whereas three million children are reported abused or neglected each year, thousands of whom are killed or severely injured;

Whereas more than 13 million children and youth live below the poverty level;

Whereas millions of children and youth are unsupervised at the end of the school day and would benefit from participation in quality after school programs;

Whereas millions of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers lack access to affordable, high-quality early care, and education;

Whereas safe, nurturing, and stimulating experiences in the first years of life promote school-readiness, future academic success, and other positive social outcomes; and

Whereas the future success, health, prosperity, and security of our Nation depend on an educated, healthy, and secure

citizenry, all of which is founded in childhood: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes that wise investments in children will lead to a better-educated citizenry and a more competitive workforce in the United States;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of the National Step Up For Kids Day;

(3) recognizes that every child matters; and

(4) encourages the citizens of the United States to make children, youth, and families a priority throughout the year.

Attest:

Clerk.